

WANT DISTRICT MAN IN CONGRESS

Hearst Democratic Faction Drafts Bill.

BOOM FOR EDWIN SEFTON

Neutral Member of Local Elections Committee May Be Delegate to St. Louis.

Fresh interest was injected into local Democratic politics today by the announcement that the Hearst faction had drafted a bill to be presented in Congress Monday for the election of a National Delegate from the District to have a seat in Congress.

Charles W. Slater, who drafted the bill, said today that he had great hope of its success. It will be introduced either by Representative Hearst or Representative Van Duzer, of Nevada. It is proposed that the delegate from the District shall have the same rights and privileges as the Delegates in Congress from the Territories, and that he shall draw a salary of \$5,000.

No Other Changes.

Suffrage for citizens of the District is provided for in the bill only in the election of a Delegate. No mention of local self-government is made in the bill, and it is not intended that the form of the District Government shall be changed. Among the probable candidates for this seat are C. B. Brice and Charles W. Slater, and interesting developments are now expected in a contest between these two leaders of the anti-Norris faction.

It is said today that a breach has already occurred between them. In this event a third factor will be introduced. Another development indicated today is a boom for Edwin Sefton as a candidate for national committee. Mr. Sefton is the neutral member of the local elections committee, and his friends say that he could draw strength from dissatisfied members of both the Norris and anti-Norris factions, should he place himself in the field.

BEFORE ENTRIES FOR NEXT MONDAY

BENNING RACE TRACK, April 2.—Seven races are on the card for Monday and all are fairly well filled. Five horses are named for the Easter Monday Steeplechase. The entries are:

First race—Selling, for three-year-olds and up, five and one-half furlongs. Toscan, 15; Tom Riley, 9; Alpaca, 9; Pianet, 10; Bonny, 10; Love, 10; Pygmalion, 10; Capharnaum, 10; Elmo, 10; Queen Elizabeth, 10; Mimon, 10; Julia, 10; All Hallows, 10; Diaphanous, 10; Sontag, 10; Atlanta, 10; Gold Ribbon, 10.

Second race—Selling, two-year-olds; four and one-half furlongs. Lily Brook, 10; First Born, 10; Anona, 9; Pygmalion, 9; Wheel, 10; Auction, 10; Bert Ostra, 9; Garrett Wilson, 9.

Third race—Three-year-olds; six furlongs. Spring, 10; Pompano, 10; Tol San, 9; Briarhorne, 9; Brazillio, 10.

Fourth race—Easter Monday steeplechase; two and one-half miles. Jim Newman, 13; Hartow, 13; Imperialist, 13; Billy Ray, 14; Agio, 13.

Fifth race—Selling; 3 years and up; six and one-half furlongs. Rabana, 10; Dark Planet, 13; Mammon, 9; Setauket, 11; Blush, 10; Red Light, 10; Princelet, 10; Ninespot, 10.

Sixth race—Selling; four years and up; six and one-half furlongs. Sweet Jane, 10; Jessilyn, 10; Pretorious, 10; Bashful, 10; Bonny, 10; Love, 10; Pygmalion, 10; Ben Battle, 10; Hilarity, 10.

Seventh race—Maidens; three-year-olds and upward; one mile. Mountain Breeze, 8; W. E. Farris, 12; Zadok, 10; Sailor's Delight, 8; Bouvier, 8; Folk Miller, 8; Cay, 8.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE PASSOVER BREAD

Presented at White House Today by Verbena Adler, a Jewish Girl of Thirteen.

While Senators and Representatives waited the President's pleasure this morning, a slim and pretty little Jewish maiden, of thirteen years, was admitted to his presence to give him a liberal supply of Passover bread. It is the unleavened cake used by the orthodox Hebrews in the celebration of the Passover, their principal feast, which is now in progress.

The little girl, who was perfectly self-possessed, and made a pretty little speech of presentation, was Verbena Adler, daughter of Victor E. Adler. She went alone into the President's office, while her mother waited outside. Mrs. Adler explained that for the past three years it has been the custom of the local Jews to present the President with Passover bread, and that today's gift was in keeping with the custom.

The President, who the little girl cordially, and thanked her heartily for the courtesy shown, sending the bread at once to his private pantry.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH RECITALS AND CONCERT

The Metropolitan Club of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, assisted by the Howard University Band, gave a concert at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church last night. The concert was interesting and the recital was well received.

The Howard University Band, organized last October, gave its first concert in the Howard University Chapel on December 4. The band is composed of students of the university. The band played eight pieces, the most striking being the "Howard University March," composed by James E. Miller.

S. E. Hughes played a mandolin solo, and A. K. Lawrence played a clarinet solo. Miss Mason gave a recitation, and two Shakespearean recitals were given by C. D. Tillman.

OYSTER HOUSE FIRE.

Damage amounting to \$175 was done in the oyster house conducted by Washington Bailey, 320 Fourth Street northwest, by a fire caused by the explosion of an oil stove. The entire place was gutted, and the flames until everything was either destroyed or ruined.

Local Florists Enjoy An Era of Prosperity

Easter Lilies Bring Out Many Purchasers. Good Prices Obtained for American Beauties and Violets.

Rarely in the history of Washington has a more beautiful Easter season been known, and seldom has the profusion of flowers been so great despite the fall of local florists a few weeks ago that buds and blossoms would be scarce.

Scenes about the Center Market this morning could not fail to assure anyone who visited the market that Easter is here. There are flowers everywhere, not only on the stands specially allotted to them, but on the meat, vegetable, and miscellaneous counters a towering Easter lily or brilliant azalea rested as comfortably and bloomed as brightly as if it were in its native hothouse.

Flowers Plentiful.

The abundance of flowers and the steady stream of purchasers augured well for the prosperity of local florists, and predicted a ray of happiness to more than one individual in Washington, for at no other time in the year are flowers more welcome than in the budding season of spring.

The men's duty is too plain before them, and the gallant who would make himself "solid" with the girl of his heart needs but to select a cluster of violets, a few American Beauties, or a multi-colored plant of Easter lilies.

Extra Stands Erected.

In the market today there seemed hardly space for the great number of plants brought in from the hothouses. Many of the florists who have stands in the market provided for the extra supply by erecting roofs over their stands, and here the extra assortment was placed.

To one entering the market the sight was about as pretty a one as could be desired. It was a great stretch of the purest white flowers, with here and there a dash of green to relieve the monotony.

It seemed as if there were no end to the quantity of lilies, and it was a real pleasure just to stand and gaze at them. The plunks were banded up as high and as close as the space would permit, and as fast as the dealers could sell them just so fast were they disposed of.

Bargain Day Scene.

Vegetable and meat stands were little patronized, and it seemed that humanity's one aim and ambition was not to satisfy the material inner man, but to give pleasure rather to the senses by buying up everything in sight that looked like a flower. It reminded one of a bargain day in a big department store, only the prices differed to a decided degree.

In this season florists will be able to reap the profit of past generosity in putting the price of flowers down within the reach of everyone. They can now ask and receive almost any price for their flowers, for everyone is willing to pay.

Lilies in Favor.

Easter lilies are, of course, the most popular and these are sold anywhere from \$3 up. Many of the little ones are to be had at reasonable prices, but the real beauties in the collection are expensive. Azaleas are selling from \$1.75 to \$3 and \$4. This year the Easter lilies are the prettiest seen in Washington for many seasons, and the blossoms of many hues.

American Beauties and violets have leaped up in price. The state roses today stand at \$1.25 and \$1.50 a dozen. It was said last night that the local supply of violets promised to be exhausted within a short time today. Single violets are most in demand, and few of them are to be had in Washington. Violets today are selling generally for \$2.50 a dozen, and a girl who can tomorrow display a big cluster will know that some one does not care how he spends his money so long as she is happy.

E. F. Ware Here From Land of Whereabouts

Refuses to Discuss New Service Pension Order—Has Talks With the Bureau and Division Chiefs.

The Commissioner of Pensions, the Hon. Eugene F. Ware, has returned to Washington from his trip to the Land of Whereabouts, which is situated somewhere south of Mason and Dixon's line in an energetic but noncommunicative mood.

He refuses to say a word about the new service pension order, and says few about other matters.

Talks With Chiefs.

Throughout the day he is calling bureau and division chiefs to his desk, and when they come he whisks them into his private office and talks to them in stentorian tones which penetrate to the outer office.

Asked this morning if it were true that a great many applications had been coming in for pensions under the new rule, Mr. Ware said:

McCall Committee Gets Statement From Payne

Postmaster General Opposed Sending Names With Bristow Report, and Did So at Special Request of Mr. Overstreet.

At the request of Postmaster General Payne, who is confined to his bed at the Arlington, four of the seven members of the McCall investigating committee of the House today called upon Mr. Payne and obtained from him a statement in regard to the subject matter of their inquiry. Owing to Mr. Payne's feeble health the interview was brief.

In the statement Mr. Payne declares that he opposed the sending of the Bristow report as first printed. Mr. Palmer says the printing office, following its usual custom of preparing captions for all reports, wrote this one, and maintains that it was justified by the wording of the title page and also by the language used in the Hay resolution, which quoted from the original Bristow report.

The committee has now concluded its evidence and will next week submit its report to the House. In short, it will vindicate all members of the House and deal chiefly with the manner and purposes of the preparation of the data in which the names of members of Congress are mentioned.

DEATH SUDDENLY COMES TO MRS. ELIZABETH FAIR

Mrs. Elizabeth Rountree Fair died today at her home, 1806 Eighth Street northwest, after an illness of three days. She leaves a husband, James I. Fair, employed at the Department of the Interior, and three children, two daughters, Sallie I. and Anna Rountree Fair, and a son, Judson Rountree Fair.

Mrs. Fair was born in Barnwell, S. C., and her body will be taken here for burial.

RACE TRACK IS MORE THAN A MILE FROM CITY

Acting on complaints from various parties that the grounds of the Washington Jockey Club are not a mile distant from the city limits as required by law, Major Sylvester has obtained information from District Surveyor A. B. Looker to the effect that the grounds are 5,000 feet from the city limits.

This measurement was taken from the northeast corner of the city limits to the nearest section of the Jockey Club's grounds.

MADE A PRIVATE.

Electrical Engineer Walter C. Allen has been appointed an additional private on the Metropolitan Police Force, so that he may be enabled to better carry out the duties of his office.

JOHN S. L. RODRICK, JOURNALIST, DEAD

Former Owner of "Banner of Liberty." At Least Not Professionally Just Yet.

HAS BEEN ILL FOR PAST YEAR

A Resident of the District of Columbia During the Past Ten Years.

John S. L. Rodrick, a retired newspaper man, died last evening at his residence, 101 Fifth Street northeast, after an illness of over a year. He had been a resident of the District ten years, and was the brother of Walter F. Rodrick, secretary of the Board of Education.

Mr. Rodrick was stricken with locomotor ataxia about a year ago, and for the past five months had been unable to leave his home. His condition was not considered serious, however, until last week, when his illness took a turn for the worse, and he sank rapidly until the end.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the family residence. The service will be conducted by the Rev. George Maydwell, of Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church, and in accordance with his last wishes, the funeral will be held at Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Rodrick was born at Catocina, Md., in 1829, and was a son of Louis Rodrick, a prominent resident of that place for about twenty years before he left Catocina and went to Liberty, Frederick county, Md., to enter the newspaper business. There he took his first step in journalism, and was known as "Banner of Liberty," having as his business associate Alfred Schley.

For several years they conducted the paper jointly, and then Mr. Rodrick bought his partner's interest in the property, and assumed entire control. He was publisher of the journal from 1882 to 1892, when he retired from active business.

Mr. Rodrick showed great ability and energy in his newspaper work, and it was due to his efforts that the "Banner of Liberty" gained a large circulation throughout Frederick county. Mr. Rodrick was a strong Republican, and through the medium of his paper took a more or less active part in the county politics.

He is survived by Mrs. Rodrick, whose maiden name was Mary A. Colberry, and whom he married in 1854, and seven children, Alfred, Clarence B., Rowland A., and Walter Rodrick, the Misses Ada and Carrie Rodrick, and Mrs. M. M. Mitchell.

"ION OF SOUTH AFRICA" TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Arrangements were completed today by officers of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for the reception of General Cronje, the Boer hero of Magerfontaine, and his small army of burghers, who are coming to this country to take part in the St. Louis Exposition.

General Cronje is the man who was compelled to surrender at Paardeburg, after a battle that has become historic. He was surrounded by a British army five times as great as his own. After his surrender he was sent to Jamaica, where he remained for six years.

The party of Boers numbers 450, there being one hundred of infantry, one of artillery, and one of cavalry. They are expected to arrive at Norfolk Tuesday morning, and will be met by General Viljoen, and with several of the officers they are to come to Washington.

The troops are to be put on a special train and shipped direct to St. Louis via the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Big Four railroads.

When the exposition closes, the Boers are to go to the lands in Mexico, where the much talked of colonies are to be located. It is said that General Cronje is to make his home in this country.

HEART DISEASE CLAIMS SAMUEL GALE KINGSLEY

Stricken with heart disease while visiting the Home Club, 1008 E Street northwest, Samuel Gale Kingsley, sixty-three years old, died shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

Charles H. Norris went into one of the rooms of the club about 8 o'clock and found Mr. Kingsley lying on the floor. Life was extinct, and Coroner Nevitt was informed of the finding of the body. After viewing the remains, the Coroner said that Mr. Kingsley died from valvular disease of the heart. The body was turned over to J. M. D. Kingsley, a brother of the deceased, and later sent to an undertaking establishment to be prepared for burial.

Mr. Kingsley was well known in Washington. He was employed in the box office of the National Theater for a number of years. He lived at the Lawrence Hotel, and had a large number of friends who were greatly surprised to hear of his death.

DIED.

FAIR—ELIZABETH ROUNTREE, wife of James I. Fair, in the fortieth year of her age. Funeral notice later. Please omit flowers. It was the wish of the late Martin A. Wilson.

LEER—On Friday, April 1, 1904, at 7:30 p. m., AGNES G. LEER, beloved daughter of James and Mary Leer, died at her residence, 1019 Sixth Street northeast, on Monday, April 4, at 8:30 a. m.

WHITFORD—Sudden death, Thursday evening, March 31, 1904, at Crossville, Mo., OSWALD STEARNS WHITFORD, son of Edward L. Whitford, in the twenty-fifth year of his age.

Funeral services at his father's residence, 112 East Capitol Street, on Sunday, April 4, at 3 p. m. Friends and relatives invited to attend. Immediately thereafter the remains will be taken to Warner, N. H., for interment.

MR. WYNNE SUGGESTS PLAN OF RETIRING CLERKS

First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne today transmitted to the House a series of petitions from clerks in the Railway Mail Service, expressing a preference for one or the other of two plans of retirement.

He suggested either appointment as postmaster at third and fourth class postoffices when incapacitated for work on the cars, or a system of annuities to be provided from a fund to be raised by assessment upon the salaries of railway mail clerks.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a general meeting of the stockholders of the Washington Baseball Club, of the American League, a corporation created under the laws of the State of West Virginia, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Lambert & Baker, 410 5th St. N. W., in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, on FRIDAY, the 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 1904, at 4 O'CLOCK P. M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors, adopting by-laws and transacting any other business which may be done by the stockholders in general meeting. THOMAS J. LOFTUS, Secretary Washington Baseball Club of the American League.

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